

arrangements, and augmentation of coach watering arrangement have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 89.09 lakh.

Vijayawada:

Works of beautification of station building, provision of escalators on platform No.5/6, provision of additional water coolers on platforms 1, 2/3 and 7 and improvements of damaged flooring in catering stalls and platforms, provision of kitchen accessories, replacement of furniture in waiting room, replacement of tiles in retiring rooms and platforms toilets and replacement of damaged wall panel in booking and reservation office have been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs. 237.45 lakhs.

Bangalore-Sathyamangala-Kanakpur Rail Line

1030. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal for laying a new rail line between Bangalore-Sathyamangala *via* Kanakpur, in Karnataka was included in the budget for 1998-99;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government has requested for early clearance of the project and has requested for allocation of funds in the Budget for 1999-2000;

(d) if so, the current status of the proposal and the allocation made in the 1999-2000 Financial year for implementation of the project; and

(e) the targeted date for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The work has been included at a cost of Rs. 225 crores.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Clearances have been obtained and Rs. 2 crores has been provided in Budget 1999-2000.

(e) Target Date has not yet been fixed.